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DUPLICATING IT, OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE EMPLOYING IT AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE APPARATUS EMPLOYING

THE OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 38 of this paper.

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